

**Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9th, 2020
@ 7:00 p.m.
Buffalo Town Hall**

Present-Scott Kempley, Roger Wallis, Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm
Others Present- 11

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the agenda by Roger Wallis

Second by Scott Kempley

IN FAVOR- 2 OPPOSED- 0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the February 2020 minutes. Motion to approve the February minutes, by Scott Kempley

Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED- 0 Motion Carried.

The Clerk & Treasurer gave the financial reports.

Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Roger Wallis. Second by Scott Kempley.

IN FAVOR – 2 OPPOSED- 0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed 2 building permits for the month.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented.

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented by Roger Wallis

Second by Scott Kempley

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED- 0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the request from Levi Mast. The Land Use Planning Commission recommended to the board to approve the request to divide the parcel in to 3 pieces as requested.

Motion by Scott Kempley to approve the request. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The board discussed the Marquette County Highway department billing. The board looked over the most recent bills and will be checking in to the pricing. Scott Kempley will be scheduling a meeting with the commissioner.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the proposed amendment for Henry H Yoder who is requesting to rezone from a Prime Agriculture (AG1) to an Agriculture Residential (AG-3(5)) and Farmland Preservation Overlay (FPO) District. The Land Use Planning Commission's recommendation to the Town Board was to approve the Request.

Motion by Roger Wallis to approve the request. Second by Scott Kempley.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

The Town Board Discussed the Town Ordinance for cell phone towers. Tom Onofrey is seeing more towers at the County Level with the increase in technology. The County has found that it is necessary to hire a consultant in order to take care of these requests. Due to the large cost of hiring a consultant Tom Onofrey is recommending that the

Town should add the language that says all consulting fees are to be paid by the applicant. The Town should review the Ordinance. The town can either change the ordinance or rescind it. If the Town chooses to rescind the ordinance it would fall under the County Level and they would take care of it. The board will look over the ordinance and will make a decision at the May meeting.

Judy Nigbor came to give an update to the Town from the County Level. The County debt is down and going in the right direction.

The County board is looking at improving the budget process. This would include planning future projects and things like building repairs.

She also spoke of the Health Committee that is looking in to more health care options in the County. They have been reaching out to hospitals & clinics in the area. So far Marshfield Clinic is willing to talk. This is all in the very early stages yet.

Judy stated that the County supported the repair of the 14th road bridge. She explained that the Town of Montello did not receive any grant money for the bridge.

The County was awarded 1 million dollars to raise the causeway to 2 feet above the 500 year flood level. They are hoping to start this in 2021.

The Economic development coordinator is trying to get more small businesses to come to Montello. There will be a workshop for all of the boards to attend on May 20th from 6-9 pm.

Citizens asked about the Grand River Dam being wide open. Judy suggested contacting the DNR in Oshkosh.

Scott Kempley asked about the EMT buildings and where that stands. Judy stated that Westfield is waiting on permits. The Oxford building is waiting for more favorable weather conditions to start.

Lynn Schwochert asked why are none of the budgets more flat rate between the Tax payers in the County instead of being divided up by price of property.

Judy stated that she would like to see more funding sources to help pay for the things that are needed.

CITIZENS & BOARD CONCERNS

Kyle Lloyd was in attendance at the meeting and introduced herself. She is running for County Clerk. She was Born and raised in Montello and has a Business Minor with A Political Science Degree. She is planning on staying in Marquette County because this is her home.

Jody Myers was in attendance and also introduced herself. She has made Marquette County her lifelong home. She will be running for County Treasurer and currently works for Marquette County in Accounting.

Fred Wollenburg reminded people about the March 26th meeting for the Ice Age Trail.

Charles Church stated that a sign fell on the East side of Gem Road and needs to be taken care of.

Upcoming meeting dates:

1. Wednesday April 2ndth, 2019-Land Use Planning-(AS NEEDED)
2. Tuesday April 7th, 2020 from 7:00 am-8:00pm 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary.
3. Tuesday April 21st, 2020 @ 7:00 The Annual meeting of Electors
4. Tuesday April 21st, 2020 immediately following Annual meeting will be the Regular Town Board Meeting

Motion to Adjourn by Scott Kempley Second by Roger Wallis

IN FAVOR- 2 OPPOSED- 0 MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED